

Mr. PRICE: I took the matter up with the Minister of Finance last year, when the duty on machinery for the extraction of oil from shale was under consideration, and something was done in that connection to reduce the duty and give these people an opportunity for development. In the case of these other concerns, however, those who have to go down thousands of feet into the earth before they know whether or not the well is of any value, no relief at all has been given. I think the Minister of Finance will bear me out in that, and I think he is sympathetic to those concerns.

Mr. ROBB: I do not like to interrupt my hon. friend's speech but will he guarantee that such a proposal will receive support from that side of the House?

Mr. PRICE: I am in favour of anything tending to the development of our natural resources, which does not interfere with our own manufacturing concerns. Our Canadian concerns do not manufacture a satisfactory article in this case, and therefore people interested in oil and gas development should be allowed to bring this material in free of duty.

Item agreed to.

Geological Survey—grant to second Empire Mining and Metallurgical Congress, \$25,000.

Mr. GUTHRIE: What is this?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): This world congress is coming to Canada this year and will hold meetings right across the country. There will be representatives of mining institutes and people interested in mining, from all over the world. The meetings will begin in Montreal, and will continue in this city, and in Toronto and Winnipeg. Sessions will be held in all these centres right through to Vancouver. Side trips will take place from Toronto, and points in the north, into the northern mining areas of Ontario. A splendid program has been prepared, and we have been asked to vote \$25,000 for the purposes indicated.

Item agreed to.

Indians—Nova Scotia—medical attendance and medicines—further amount required, \$5,000.

Mr. ERNST: May I ask the minister whether any of that sum is to be expended for the Indian reserve at Scarsdale, Lunenburg county, Nova Scotia?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): I cannot tell my hon. friend whether that particular reserve is included. We have had over-expenditures

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for medical relief in Nova Scotia, as indeed in all the other provinces, but I cannot give him any definite amount that may have been spent on an individual reserve.

Mr. ERNST: Can the minister supply the information in the near future as to how much has been spent in that connection on the reserve at Scarsdale in Lunenburg county? I am fairly well acquainted with that reserve and I have been unable to find any Indians on it. It is filled with white men, and yet the government has been maintaining a medical service, schools, and an Indian agent. As a matter of fact all the people there want to get title to their land. They do not want to be treated as Indians, and they have asked that steps be taken to have the lands conveyed to them. There are no Indians at all on the reserve, and yet the government has been spending money for these purposes for the last fifteen or twenty years.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): I may say for the information of my hon. friend that there are a number of reserves upon which there are no Indians. I wish also to tell him that if there are no Indians on the reserve then the government have not been spending any money on it; any expenditures made are on the Indians themselves.

Mr. ERNST: There has been money spent on this particular reserve.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): There may be money spent for the agent. We do not spend money on the land but on the individuals, therefore my hon. friend's information could not possibly be correct.

Mr. ERNST: How about schools?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): If there is a school there must be Indians in attendance.

Mr. ERNST: They are shown as Indians, but I am prepared—

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): To take your oath that they are whites?

Mr. ERNST:—to state that they are whites.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Have they got votes?

Mr. ERNST: That depends upon which government is in power.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): I shall be very glad to get the information for which my hon. friend has asked.

Mr. SMITH (Cumberland): Would the minister supply a list of the Indian reserves in Nova Scotia?